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*WHICH MODULATE THE ACTIVITY OF MSH5*

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Washington, D.C. 20231

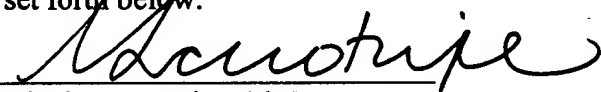
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated December 4, 2001 (Paper No. 5). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 13-14 and 22, drawn to a method for identifying a compound which modulates the activity of MSH5, wherein the activity of MSH5 is inhibited, and wherein said compound is a contraceptive, classified in class 435, subclass 4.